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SUBJECT: JAPAN-KOREA CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENTS

REF: A) SEOUL 761, JAN. 31, 1974; B) SEOUL 4538, MAY 31, 1977; C) HONG KONG 7898, JULY 8, 1977.

1.
DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY ANALYZING JAPAN-KOREA CONTINENTAL AGREEMENTS RATIFIED JUNE 8. IN 1974 (REFTEL A) TWO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED: ONE ESTABLISHED A BOUNDARY IN NORTHERN SECTION OF COMMON CONTINENTAL SHELF, OTHER AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED JOINT DEVELOPMENT ZONE IN SOUTHERN PART OF COMMON SHELF. IN RECENT REPORTING (REFTEL B) AND FBIS REPORTS NO MENTION IS MADE OF BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BUT ONLY OF JOINT DEVELOPMENT ZONE AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES RATIFICATION OF "CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT" IS TO BOTH AGREEMENTS. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO CLARIFY THIS POINT.

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IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION BY EMBASSIES ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. PLEASE SEND REPLY SOONEST TO INR/RGE.

2. REFTEL C REQUESTS VARIOUS MAPS OF NORTH EAST ASIA OFFSHORE REGION. GEOGRAPHER IN PROCESS OF COMPLETING MAP DEPTCTING "HYPOTHETICAL AND NEGOTIATED ZONES OF NORTHERN

EAST ASIA". COPIES OF MAP AND EXPLANATION WILL BE SENT

TO ADDRESSEES SHORTLY. MAP OF JAPAN-S. KOREA SHELF AGREEMENT WILL BE SENT WHEN ANALYSIS COMPLETED. MAP OF HYPOTHETICAL ZONES OF SOUTH CHINA SEA TO BE STARTED SHORTLY.

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